



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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RE: MUR 6611
Friends of Laura Ruderman and
Abbot Taylor in his official
capacity as treasurer

Dear Mr. Birkenstock:

On July 31, 2012, the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") notified your client, Friends of Laura Ruderman and Abbot Taylor in his official capacity as treasurer, of a complaint alleging violations of certain sections of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

On January 10, 2013, the Commission considered the complaint but was equally divided on the Office of the General Counsel's recommendations related to potential violations of 2 U.S.C. § 441a. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66,132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Ritzert Howell, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark D. Shonkwiler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mark D. Shonkwiler
Assistant General Counsel

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